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[1](#)1. (C) We delivered ref a points on May 18 to Dr. Selcuk Sancar in the MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department, emphasizing that the U.S. does not support a total ban on cluster munitions (CM) and hopes the Oslo process does not result in a document calling for a virtual ban on all such munitions or penalties against countries which currently possess them.

[1](#)2. (C) Sancar told us that Turkey's position is nearly identical to that of the U.S. Turkey does not support the Oslo process and prefers to see the issue discussed through the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW). The GOT is similarly concerned about the humanitarian risks associated with CM, but is against an outright ban on such munitions. In addition, Sancar noted that Turkey has already made extensive commitments to the Anti-Personnel Mine Convention, which calls for removal of the majority of land mines in Turkey by 2014 -- a "huge task." Turkey is simply not able to take on additional commitments of this kind even if it were inclined to do so.

[1](#)3. (C) Sancar reported that Turkey was not formally invited to the Lima meeting, but has received registration information from the Turkish PermRep in Geneva. Sancar stated that the GOT does not intend to send a representative to Lima.

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